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HF BAND PLAN COMMITTEE

From Pat Doherty VA3GD
RAC HF Frequency Coordinator

Radio Amateurs of Canada is forming an HF Band Plan Committee. The Committee will consist of a representative from each of the seven regional areas and the HF Band Plan Coordinator. The RAC regional areas are ALBERTA/NWT, ATLANTIC, MIDWEST, ONTARIO NORTH, ONTARIO SOUTH, PACIFIC AND QUEBEC. The directors are as follows:

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If you are interested in being a regional representative on the HF Band Plan Committee contact your director. Please include a resume of your amateur activities and interests. Should you be selected, you will be sent a summary of the Committee's criteria and objectives.

Walt Kimball, VE3CWE has been appointed to represent Ontario North. Walt has been active on the HF bands for many years, involved with the Algoma Amateur Radio Club and is presently editor of the club newsletter "The Algoma Amateur". Walt has had international radio operating experience as well as considerable international travel. Amateurs in Ontario North are encouraged to contact Walt VE3CWE, with any concerns they have about HF Band Plans.

RAC EXECUTIVE OFFICERS ELECTED

The Board of Directors of Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) elected the following persons as executive officers at the annual Director's meeting in Calgary in July.

President

J. Farrell Hopwood VE7RD

1st Vice President

Timothy S. Ellam VE6SH

Vice President-Government Affairs

James G. Dean VE3IQ

Secretary/Treasurer
James K. Pulfer VE3PU

The Board also appointed the following persons as non-voting executive assistants.

Honorary Counsel
Timothy D. Ray VE3XV

General Manager
Deborah Norman

Reciprocal Licensing Manager Appointed

Francis Salter VE3FRS, has taken on the responsibility of reciprocal licensing for RAC. Enquiries from Amateur Radio Operators local or foreign regarding licensing matters will be handled by Francis, including Canadian operators seeking information regarding other jurisdictions.

Francis is fluent in many foreign languages, and maintains regular contact with foreign radio amateurs, especially in Europe and South America. He is currently employed by Corrections Canada and lives in Bracebridge, Ontario.



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RAC's Need For Membership Is Critical

From Farrell Hopwood VE7RD, President of RAC

RAC is dedicated to representing
the interests of amateur radio, but
we cannot be successful until we
truly represent the majority of the
Canadian amateur population!
Remember, strength in numbers is
critical to the defence of our hobby
as many other users compete for
segments of our bands. We also face
a most serious threat from
government who plan to react to
neighbour complaints of RF
interference by severely restricting
transmitter power levels (EMCAB2)
without ever imposing immunity
standards on home electronic
devices. It will take strategy and
organizational strength to stop such
unfair moves. RAC has mailed an
offer to the clubs asking for help in
recruiting! RAC's need for members
is critical!

RAC is looking to clubs across the
country to help increase its
membership. As sponsors of
amateur radio classes, our clubs are

in a prime position to promote
membership in the national
organization to a market of people
with a very keen interest in the
hobby the "non-ham" who is
registering for the basic course. We
are appealing to club instructors to
act as agents to promote our
national organization, and suggest
that clubs include a RAC
membership as part of the course
fees. RAC has mailed an offer to
clubs and course instructors
proposing a number of incentives to
participants in our drive for new
members.

Please support the effort put
forward by the many volunteers
within RAC. The very future of our
hobby depends, to a large degree, on
the strength of your national
organization. For more information
contact RAC General Manager
Debbie Norman at telephone: 613-
634-4184, Fax: 613-634-7118.

Upcoming in your October TCA . . .

The October issue of The
Canadian Amateur includes lots of
coverage and pictures from the First
National RAC Convention held in
Calgary at the end of July. New
Editor, Rob Ludlow VE3YE, passes
on the following highlights also in
the October issue:

- The Financial Statement for
RAC for the year ending Dec. 31,
1993.

- Thoughtful articles by Frank
Merritt VE7FPM, on challenges
facing amateur radio, and the future
of homebrewing by Bruce
Hodgkinson VA3BH/VE3JIL.

- David Dunster VE5DGD writes
about how Regina amateurs staffing
a Roughrider game in June, came
through with flying colours when a
vicious, near-tornado hit Taylor
Field.

- An article of interest to White

Caners on a remote HF operation
called HamLink, pioneered at the
Canadian National Institute for the
Blind in Toronto.

- A new offering called On The
Bench by Frank Merritt VE7FPM,
on simple and efficient tips for the
electronic work bench.

- Full coverage of the Scouts
Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) last
year and details of operating times
and frequencies for this October.

- TCA's Contest Manager and
Contest columnist, Dave Goodwin
VE2ZP/VE9CB, offers plans for a 2-
element, 40-metre delta loop.

- Gerry King VE3GK, writes a
review of the Kenwood TS-50 HF
transceiver.

All this, plus propagation
forecasts, columns, and the regular
Letters, Silent Keys and Swap Shop
department.

RAC FORUM QUESTIONNAIRE

From Ken Oelke VE6AFO
 RAC Alberta/NWT Director

The RAC Forum at the First National Convention in Calgary was a tremendous success. There were approximately 425 people in attendance. Our thanks to those who completed questionnaires. As promised, here are the results. Ninety one questionnaires were completed. Out of the 91, 75 were from RAC members and 16 were from non members.

1. RAC Incoming QSL Bureau

Good	29
Average	5
Fair	1
Poor	3
Don't Know	52

2. RAC Outgoing QSL Bureau

Good	24
Average	6
Fair	4
Poor	5
Don't Know	52

3. Provincial Incoming QSL Bureau

Good	44
Average	3
Fair	1
Poor	0
Don't Know	38

4. The Canadian Amateur Radio Magazine

Good	52
Average	17
Fair	12
Poor	2
Don't Know	7

5. Regulations and Legal Issues

Good	33
Average	23
Fair	15
Poor	5
Don't Know	16

6. Tower Issues

Good	27
Average	18
Fair	16
Poor	7
Don't Know	23

7. Licensing Issues

Good	25
Average	20
Fair	11
Poor	7
Don't Know	25

8. Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) Issues

Good	22
Average	18
Fair	14
Poor	4
Don't Know	34

9. Membership

Good	18
Average	31
Fair	13
Poor	17
Don't Know	12

10. RAC Headquarters and Administration

Good	26
Average	22
Fair	7
Poor	9
Don't Know	27

11. Spectrum and Bandplanning Issues

Good	23
Average	21
Fair	14
Poor	13
Don't Know	20

12. RAC Membership Services

Good	27
Average	27
Fair	11
Poor	11
Don't Know	15

13. RAC Field Organization

Good	20
Average	19
Fair	6
Poor	11
Don't Know	35

14. RAC Bookstore

Good	40
Average	23
Fair	10
Poor	3
Don't Know	15

15. RAC Attracting New Hams

Good	11
Average	24
Fair	17
Poor	20
Don't Know	19

16. RAC Attracting New Members

Good	5
Average	22
Fair	21
Poor	27
Don't Know	

The returns had many individual comments too numerous to mention here. All questionnaires were copied to the RAC executive, Board of Directors, RAC General Manager and The Canadian Amateur Editor-in-Chief.

Fall 1994 events we've heard about ...

September 20 to 24. The Renfrew County Amateur Radio Club will operate special events station CJ3IPM to commemorate the International Plowing Match being held in Renfrew County for the first time. The club will operate on all bands. A QSL card is available by sending SASE to RCARC, P.O. Box 39, Chalk River, Ontario, K0J 1J0.

October 1. WCARC, Annual Flea Market, Bethel Community Centre, Port Colborne, Ontario. Information line 905 834-4341.

October 8. Hamilton Amateur Radio Club Fleamarket, Merrit Hall, Ancaster Fair Grounds, Highway 53 between Southcote Road and Kittymurry Lane.

October 22. The Greenwood Amateur Radio Club Fleamarket, Greenwood Community Centre, Church Street, Greenwood, Nova Scotia. Information line 765-4660.

November 26. The Victoria Short Wave Club will celebrate its 65th anniversary. There will be a banquet on November 26, which past and present members and their spouses are invited to attend. Information line 474-1939 or 478-9650.

Lower Canadian Dollar Means Higher Price for QST

From Ken Pulfer, VE3PU

Regrettably, because of the lower value of our dollar relative to that of the US, RAC has been forced to raise the rates that it charges for QST subscriptions. In spite of favourable bulk rates from ARRL, RAC has been losing money steadily on subscriptions for the past several months. We could not continue to do so indefinitely.

Even with the new higher prices, amateurs will find that when the cost of US exchange and GST is taken into account, the RAC rate is

several dollars lower than the cost of going directly to the ARRL. The new rates will be announced in the October TCA and will come into effect as of October 1, 1994.

Clarification

The IARU Region 2 Convention planned for September of 1995 will be held in Niagara Falls, Ontario and not Niagara-on-the-Lake as reported in this Bulletin in June.

IARU Appoints Canadian Amateur

The IARU at its July 1994 meeting in Montego Bay, Jamaica announced the appointment of Malcolm Hamon VE3KXH, as Coordinator Region 2, Monitoring System.

Malcolm lives in Newcastle, Ontario and has been actively involved in Canadian monitoring since 1988. The objective of the

coordinator is to act as the sole source for collecting and distributing information in support of the IARU. The coordinator liaises between the Region 2 Executive Committee and Member Societies as well as Regional and International Coordinators on matters pertaining to the monitoring service.

Special prefix for October, 1994

From Dave Goodwin VE2ZP/VE9CB
RAC HF Contest Manager

To mark the United Nations' International Year of the Family, Industry Canada, Quebec Region has authorized all Canadian Amateurs to use special prefixes.

From 0000 UTC October 29, 1994 through 2359 UTC December 29, 1994, Canadian Amateurs may replace their regular prefix with a special prefix as follows:

Regular Prefix	Special Prefix
VA2	VB2
VA3	VB3
VA7	VB7
VE1	VG1
VE2	VG2
VE3	VG3
VE4	VG4
VE5	VG5
VE6	VG6
VE7	VG7
VE8	VG8
VE9	VG9
VO1	XO9
VO2	XO0
VY1	XN9
VY2	XN0